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SUBJECT: OECD ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE: SPECIAL MEETING OF  
CHEMICALS GROUP, JUNE 14-16, 1977.

1. SECRETARIAT HAS CONVENED A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE  
CHEMICALS GROUP TO DISCUSS THE US TOXIC SUBSTANCES  
CONTROL ACT. THE TEXT OF THE SECRETARIAT'S LETTER IS  
GIVEN BELOW.

2. QUOTE. THE CHEMICALS GROUP OF THE ENVIRONMENT COMMIT-  
TEE WILL CONVENE FOR A SPECIAL MEETING ON 14TH-16TH JUNE  
1977. THE MEETING WILL BE HELD AT THE CHATEAU DE LA  
MUETTE IN PARIS, STARTING AT 10.30 ON THE FIRST DAY.  
THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING IS TO EXCHANGE VIEWS ON THE  
INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF IMPLEMENTATION BY THE US OF ITS  
TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT. A SUGGESTED APPROACH TO  
IMPLEMENTING THIS ACT WAS OUTLINED IN A DOCUMENT DATED  
17TH FEBRUARY, 1977, AND ISSUED BY THE OFFICE OF TOXIC  
SUBSTANCES OF EPA: "ASSESSMENT AND CONTROL OF CHEMICAL  
PROBLEMS - AN APPROACH TO IMPLEMENTING THE TOXIC SUB-  
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STANCES CONTROL ACT". COPIES OF THIS DOCUMENT WERE FOR-  
WARDED BY THE SECRETARIAT TO MEMBERS OF THE CHEMICALS  
GROUP FOR INFORMATION ON 15TH MARCH, 1977 (LETTER ENV/  
IND/MI/77.229).

INITIALLY, COMMENTS ON THIS DOCUMENT WERE REQUESTED FOR  
15TH APRIL; THIS DEADLINE HAS SINCE BEEN REMOVED. THE  
SECRETARIAT HAS NOW BEEN INFORMED THAT A NEW DEADLINE

HAS BEEN SET FOR 1ST JUNE, 1977, AND THAT GENERAL COMMENTS ON THE PHILOSOPHY SET FORTH IN THE ABOVE DOCUMENT ARE SOUGHT.

NATIONAL AUTHORITIES MAY WISH TO HAVE THIS INFORMATION CONFIRMED.

THE US DELEGATION TO THE SPECIAL MEETING WILL PROVIDE EXPLANATIONS AND DETAILS OF PROGRESS MADE IN DEVELOPING A STRATEGY FOR IMPLEMENTING THE TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL ACT. OTHER COUNTRIES WILL BE INVITED TO DISCUSS THEIR CONCERNS RELATIVE TO PARTICULAR PROVISIONS OF THE ACT AND ITS IMPLEMENTATION.

ANOTHER PURPOSE OF THE SPECIAL MEETING IS TO DEVELOP PROCEDURES FOR THE PROMPT DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION IN RESPECT OF REGULATORY ACTION IN MEMBER COUNTRIES.

THE MEETING WILL FURTHER DEFINE THE MECHANISMS NECESSARY TO ENSURE DIRECT EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND EXPERIENCE AT THE APPROPRIATE MOMENT, BETWEEN NATIONAL REPRESENTATIVES CONCERNED WITH ANY ONE ASPECT OF IMPLEMENTING CONTROL OVER CHEMICALS.

THE CHEMICALS GROUP HAD REQUESTED ALREADY AT ITS 13TH MEETING (ENV/CHEM/77.1/M, PARA 18) THAT THE SECRETARIAT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE BUREAU, DEVELOP PROPOSALS FOR HOW TO IMPROVE COOPERATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES IN THE NEW AND IMPORTANT AREA OF EXPANDED REGULATORY CONTROL OF CHEMICALS. THE OCCASION OF THE SPECIAL MEETING WILL BE USED TO ADVANCE THE TRANSMISSION OF A PROPOSAL TO THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE ON HOW THIS CAN BE ACHIEVED.

THE SECRETARIAT WOULD APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF WHETHER YOUR COUNTRY WILL BE REPRESENTED AT THE FORTH-  
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COMING SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CHEMICALS GROUP. END  
QUOTE.

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